

ANNUALLY FOR PETER'S PENCE

Catholic Hierarchy Would
Increase America's
Gift to Pope.

The board of trustees of the Catholic University of America met at 10 o'clock this morning in Caldwell Hall, when the question of increasing America's contribution to "Peter's Pence" to a million dollars was taken up. Cardinal Gibbons, who came over from Baltimore yesterday morning, presided at the meeting, which will be concluded probably this afternoon so that the majority of its members may attend the gathering of the hierarchy tomorrow morning.

In the discussions before the board this morning the financial and academic conditions of the university formed the chief topic.

Many Church Dignitaries.
Among the Catholic ecclesiastics who are now in Washington, are Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Williams, of Boston; Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia; Archbishop Farley, of New York; Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul; Archbishop Keane, of Dubuque; Archbishop Messmer, of Milwaukee; Bishop Mac, of Covington; Bishop Harkins, of Providence, and Bishop Hartsman, of Cleveland.

Considerable interest attaches to the meeting tomorrow morning of the Catholic hierarchy of America. This body includes all the American archbishops and bishops and its deliberations will of course be given to questions affecting the Catholic University and other educational institutions, but to matters pertaining to the church in this country, its betterment, and any new light that may be shed on church methods by the heads of dioceses. It will be an important meeting and will probably consume the entire day.

An important question came up in the proposed increase of Peter's Pence, the collection that is annually taken up in the churches of America for the Vatican. It is the desire of the board that this collection reach \$1,000,000 a year, and in order that this may be accomplished, the bishops will urge their respective dioceses to show a proper spirit of generosity. There has not been, as reported, a complaint from Rome regarding the amount gathered annually in America. On the contrary, the Pope has been highly pleased at the showing the church in this country has made and has lost no opportunity to make his pleasure known.

The morning session of the board adjourned at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and Mr. O'Connell, rector of the university, entertained the members at dinner.

SINGLE EMPLOYEES TO PLAY BENEDICTS

A team composed entirely of married men employed in the Department of Justice will cross bats with nine single employees of the same department at Van Ness Park as soon as the condition of the grounds permits.

The contest is the result of a long standing rivalry between the benedict and bachelor fans. Both factions have long boasted of their prowess with the leather pellet, and as each refused to be convinced of the other's skill, both organized teams and decided to settle all disputes.

Their challenges were simultaneously presented, and accepted. The date was set for April 9, but wet grounds made a game impossible. The teams will line up some time this week, and probably disband immediately following the contest. The line-up follows:

Single men—Horn, first base; Fishman, shortstop; Sheridan, pitcher; Berkeley, catcher; Cornolly, left field; McClure, third; Herndon, second; Jenkins, right field; Fisher, center field.

Married men—Sebastian, first base; Collins, shortstop; McConnell, pitcher; Bull, catcher; Meyer, left field; Pratt, third; Sornbarger, second; Mikkelson, right field; Simms, center field.

GYMNASIUM MEN'S DINNER AT THE Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT

The Annual Gymnasium Men's Dinner is to be held in the banquet hall of the Young Men's Christian Association tonight. President G. Stanley Hall, of Clark University, is the department's guest of honor, and will speak on the "Present Trend of Physical Education." Other speakers will be Dr. S. H. Greene, Jr., Dr. I. C. McConnell, Edward W. Hearno, C. E. Beckett, C. G. Williams, Bernard Foley, with Lieutenant Crawford, U. S. N., as toastmaster.

VITAL RECORDS

Births.

White—Andrew and Pearl DeSales, girl, Matthew S. and Olive V. McKeown, boy, Joe and Beckie Sofine, girl, Sam and Rosie Silver, girl, Burton R. and Mary L. Turner, girl.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage license have been issued to the following: Ernest Fry and Ella Swett, William F. Collins and Sarah E. Meher, William M. Smith, of Newport News, Va., and Minor C. Young, of Lynchburg, Va., George Doreas and Mary Griggs, Harry E. Tyrell and Amanda M. Haines, Matthew W. Edelin and Annie R. Matthews, Wade H. Atkinson and Mary C. Eshman, Felix Garziglia and Marie A. A. Howe, James E. Stack and Irene Stegmeler.

Deaths.

White—Mary V. Reed, 49 years, 1035 Twenty-ninth street northwest, George H. Watson, 59 years, Government Hospital for the Insane, Edith W. Gohagan, 31 years, 111 Fourth street northeast, Caroline L. Myers, 74 years, 1013 Twelfth street northwest, John T. Poutach, 68 years, 437 Six-and-a-half street northwest, Dennis Hickey, 61 years, 837 Twenty-sixth street northwest, Jane E. Kimball, 65 years, 1803 Third street northeast.

Isle of Pines Decision Tangles Cuban Affairs

Almost All of the Isle Is Owned by Americans
and Cuba Has Been Very Harsh
to Investors Here.

The United States Supreme Court's decision that the Isle of Pines is Cuban territory disposes of one more of the treaty issues between the President and Senate. The court waited almost four years from the beginning of the case it has just decided, in the hope that the matter would be settled by some other process; but the Senate had the better of the waiting game, and postponed action on the Isle of Pines treaty just as diligently as the court deferred consideration of the lawsuit.

The decision is expected further to complicate relations between the Cuban government and the United States. During the period when the Isle of Pines was supposed to have been transferred to the United States by the treaty of Paris, and when it was shown on official maps as American territory, many Americans bought lands and made other investments there. The tobacco industry of the island was exploited vigorously, and fortunes were in sight for the people who had got in on the ground floor—if the Supreme Court had only given their way. The question of ownership of the island was the subject of acrimonious disagreement in the Senate, Senator Morgan taking up the cause of American residents there

and insisting that it was an outrage for this government to desert citizens who in good faith had assumed the island belonged to this country. The Cuban government has been accused of outrageous treatment of Americans living in the island, and many of these charges have been so well authenticated that it is impossible to doubt that there is much basis for them. Americans were jailed for the most trivial offenses. Large numbers of people from Pennsylvania and Iowa had gone to the island and engaged in business; great sums had been invested there by Americans, so that it was alleged before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations last winter that the greater part of the island's area was owned by citizens of this country. But the decision is that the island belongs to Cuba.

It is considered almost certain that the Havana government, now being assured of supreme power there, will assume an attitude toward American interests more oppressive than ever, and that complications will be inevitable. The American owners of property there are certain to make themselves heard soon if the Cuban government proves as unkind to them as they expect. Indeed, partisans of annexation are vigorously cheering the decision, saying they will do more to bring about that conclusion than anything else that could have taken place at this time.

DENBY PROMOTED TO CONSUL GENERAL

Will Goto Shanghai, Rodgers
Shifting to
Havana.

In recognition of eminently efficient services in their respective positions with the State Department, Charles Denby, chief clerk of the department and formerly secretary of legation at Peking, will be promoted to be consul general at Shanghai, and Joseph Lynn Rodgers, now consul general there, will be made consul general at Havana.

Frank Steinhart, consul general at Havana, has tendered his resignation, to take effect July 1, when the changes will be made. Mr. Steinhart will engage in business in Havana. Mr. Denby obtains an increase in income from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and while the Havana post is in the same grade as Shanghai as to salary, Mr. Rodgers can remain nearer home, rather than

leave the service because of his wife's health, as might have been necessary. Mr. Denby will at the same time be given opportunity to return to a country that he knows as well as he does America, he having been stationed there for fifteen years before coming to the State Department, little more than a year ago.

BENNING STABLE BOY'S TIP LED HIM TO JAIL

Robert Wise, colored, eighteen years old, employed as a stable boy at the Benning track, will be arraigned in the Police Court tomorrow on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Following a dispute over the merits of a certain horse yesterday afternoon, Wise, it is said, became engaged in a fist fight with another colored stable boy, named Walter Clark, in which Wise was knocked to the ground by Clark. Wise, the police say, then went into a stable, got a revolver, and fired two shots at Clark. Both bullets went wide of their mark, one of them striking Preston Price, colored, an assistant trainer, in the thigh. Price was taken to the Casualty Hospital, where it was said this morning that his condition is not serious.

When placed under arrest Wise told the police that the shooting was purely accidental, and that he had only intended to frighten Clark.

PRESIDENT GRANTS PEARY NEW LEAVE

To Match His Sledges With
Walter Wellman's
Airship.

Commander Robert E. Peary, civil engineer of the navy, after having made three dashes into the frozen North and having reached the point nearest the pole that has ever been trod by human being, has been granted a new leave of absence of three years in order that he may prosecute his long conducted search for the North Pole. Commander Peary's application was granted by Secretary Metcalf, after it had been passed upon by the President.

Commander Peary is prosecuting his preparations for beginning his fourth northward journey as soon as possible after the season opens, possibly as early as the 1st of June. If sufficient financial backing has been raised for him by that time, The Explorer has ordered a crew of men to proceed to the Roosevelt to put the ship in trim condition for a voyage that is expected to be more trying than any craft ever before has encountered.

It had not become definitely known to the officials of the Navy Department until yesterday that Commander Peary proposed to make his next attempt this summer. When he returned last November it was understood that he desired to set out at the earliest possible moment for his next expedition, during which time he hoped to have the Roosevelt completely overhauled and strengthened in the most essential particulars for ice work.

The little flier Walter Wellman handed out on his arrival in Washington last week, declaring that the sledge route would never prove to be successful, has spurred the navy's explorer to renewed energies and enthusiasm. It is said, with the result that he has determined to set out at the earliest possible moment in the hope of not only locating the pole, but to accomplish this hazardous feat before Mr. Wellman does.

COLORED Y. M. C. A. BUILDING FUND GROWS

The colored branch of the Y. M. C. A. is much in earnest over the proposed new building for which Mr. Rockefeller has offered \$25,000 if the members will duplicate the sum. Two days' active canvass closed last evening and the bulletin showed a total subscribed of \$2,172. Yesterday's record alone stood \$1,000. A Senator sent a check for \$100 through a Capitol employee. Every accredited canvasser has a certificate bearing the seal of the general association in purple.

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